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## By Hand and ECF

The Honorable Brian M. Cogan **United States District Court** Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 11201

> United States v. Muhanad Mahmoud al-Farekh Re:

> > Criminal Docket No. 15-268 (BMC)

Dear Judge Cogan:

The government respectfully submits this letter jointly on behalf of the parties to request that the status conference currently scheduled for February 18, 2016, in the abovereferenced matter, be rescheduled for March 1, 2016, at 4:30 p.m., a date and time that the Court's deputy has indicated is convenient for the Court.

The parties have engaged and continue to engage in discussions that might lead to a disposition short of trial. As a result of those discussions, and because of the complexity of the case and in the interests of justice, the parties also respectfully request that the time between February 18, 2016 and March 1, 2016, be excluded from the operation of the speedy trial clock.

Respectfully submitted,

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